

Discover the State Water Project

The State Water Project, with its many reservoirs and hundreds of miles of aqueducts, offers Californians many recreational opportunities. The Project includes facilities for anglers, boaters, campers, hikers, and much more.

This brochure contains a list of the State Water Project recreation facilities in California. Chances are there is one close to your home or your California vacation destination, so check this brochure when you are planning your next outing. For more information about individual facilities, please contact the appropriate agency.



Water skiing at Castaic Lake.

The State Water Project

The State Water Project, which is planned, designed, constructed, operated, and maintained by the California Department of Water Resources, is the largest state-built, multipurpose water project in the United States. The Project includes 33 storage facilities, 20 pumping plants, 4 pumping-generating plants, 5 hydroelectric power plants, and approximately 674 miles of canals and pipelines, which includes the



Children enjoy fishing at O'Neill Forebay.

444-mile long California Aqueduct.

Its main purpose is water supply — that is, to divert and store surplus water during wet periods and distribute it to areas of need in Northern California, the San Francisco Bay area, the San Joaquin Valley, the Central Coast, and

Southern California. Other project purposes include flood control, power generation, recreation, fish and wildlife enhancement, and water quality improvement in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Twenty-nine urban and agricultural water agencies have long-term contracts for the delivery of State Water Project water. Approximately 70 percent of the SWP water goes to urban users and 30 percent to agricultural users.

These SWP contracting agencies are repaying the cost, plus interest, of financing, building, operating and maintaining the SWP.



Horseback riding at Lake Perris.

California Department of Water Resources' Mission...

To manage the water of California, in cooperation with other agencies, to benefit the state's people and protect, restore and enhance the natural and human environments.

State Water Project Recreation Facilities



Recreation Facilities at State Water Project Reservoirs

Recreation facilities at the SWP lakes and reservoirs listed below are operated by agencies other than DWR. For more information, please contact the respective agencies:

Antelope Lake
U.S. Forest Service
Plumas National Forest
Mt. Hough Ranger District
39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA 95971
(530) 284-7126 or (530) 283-0555

Bethany Reservoir
State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
c/o Turlock Lake State Recreation Area
22600 Lake Road, La Grange, CA 95329
(209) 874-2056

Castaic Lake
County of Los Angeles
Department of Parks and Recreation
Castaic Lake State Recreation Area
32132 Castaic Lake Drive, Castaic, CA 91384
(661) 257-4050

Frenchman Lake
U.S. Forest Service
Plumas National Forest
Beckwourth Ranger District
P.O. Box 7, Blairsden, CA 96103
(530) 836-2575

Lake Davis
U.S. Forest Service
Plumas National Forest
Beckwourth Ranger District
P.O. Box 7, Blairsden, CA 96103
(530) 836-2575

Lake Del Valle
East Bay Regional Park District
2950 Peralta Oaks Court
P.O. Box 5381, Oakland, CA 94605-0381
(510) 635-0135 or (925) 373-0332

Lake Oroville
State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
Lake Oroville State Recreation Area
400 Glen Drive, Oroville, CA 95966
(530) 538-2200

Lake Perris
State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
Lake Perris State Recreation Area
17801 Lake Perris Drive, Perris, CA 92571
(909) 657-0676

Pyramid Lake
Vista del Lago Visitors Center
(661) 294-0219

San Luis Reservoir & Los Banos Reservoir
State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area
31426 Gonzaga Road, Gustine, CA 95322
(209) 826-1196 or (800) 346-2711

Silverwood Lake
State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area
14651 Cedar Circle, Hesperia, CA 92345
(760) 389-2303

California Aqueduct Facilities
Fishing is allowed along certain sections of the California Aqueduct.
For more information, contact the nearest DWR field office or call 1-800-272-8869.

Sacramento and Northern California Area
State of California Department of Water Resources

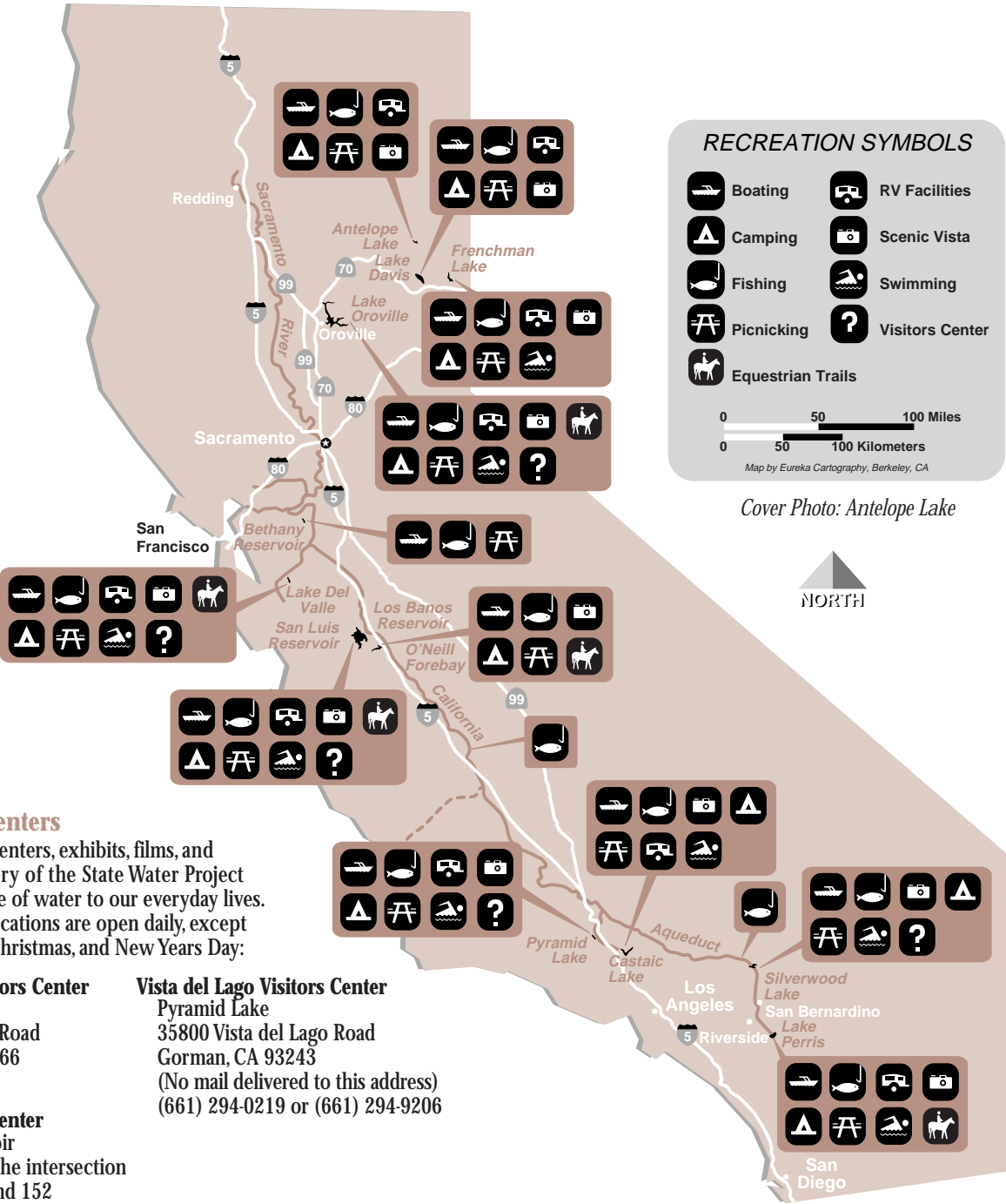
Oroville Field Division 460 Glen Drive Oroville, CA 95966 (530) 534-2303	Northern District 2440 Main Street Red Bluff, CA 96080-2356 (530) 529-7300
Central District 3251 S Street Sacramento, CA 95816 (916) 227-7561	

San Joaquin Valley Area
State of California Department of Water Resources

Delta Field Division 5280 Bruns Road Byron, CA 94514-1915 (209) 835-7106	San Joaquin Field Division 4201 Sabodan Street Bakersfield, CA 93313 (Mettler area) (661) 858-5500
San Luis Field Division 31770 Gonzaga Road Gustine, CA 95322 (209) 827-5100	San Joaquin District 3374 East Shields Avenue Fresno, CA 93726-6990 (559) 230-3300

Southern California Area
State of California Department of Water Resources

Southern Field Division 34534 116th Street East Pearblossom, CA 93553 (661) 944-8500	Southern District 770 Fairmont Avenue Glendale, CA 91203-1035 (818) 543-4600
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SWP Visitors Centers
At our Visitors Centers, exhibits, films, and photos tell the story of the State Water Project and the importance of water to our everyday lives.
The following locations are open daily, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day:

Lake Oroville Visitors Center Lake Oroville 917 Kelly Ridge Road Oroville, CA 95966 (530) 538-2219	Vista del Lago Visitors Center Pyramid Lake 35800 Vista del Lago Road Gorman, CA 93243 (No mail delivered to this address) (661) 294-0219 or (661) 294-9206
Romero Visitors Center San Luis Reservoir 8 miles west of the intersection of Interstate 5 and 152 (209) 827-5353	

Visits to the following location are by appointment only:

Delta Field Division
Byron, California
Tour Guide (209) 833-2044

For More Information
Visit DWR's Web site at <http://www.water.ca.gov>
If you need this publication in an alternate form, contact the Office of Water Education at 1-800-272-8869.